

Florida Scenic Highways Program

Overview

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The Florida Scenic Highways Program is designed to showcase outstanding cultural, historical, archeological, recreational, natural and scenic resources along Florida's highways. The Program is a grass roots effort to heighten awareness of our State's history and intrinsic resources. These intrinsic resources include the cultural, historical, archeological, recreational, natural and scenic qualities valued by Florida residents and the millions of tourists who visit our State each year. The primary intent of the Florida Scenic Highways Program is to designate roadway corridors where we can preserve, maintain, protect and enhance intrinsic resources for the traveling public's enjoyment.

Not only will travelers experience Florida's resources more fully on a Scenic Highway, the highways themselves will provide economic opportunities for their surrounding communities. Through community-based consensus and partnerships, a sustainable balance between conservation and land use can be accomplished, improving not only the traveling experience, but the community's "quality of life" as well.

The Florida Scenic Highways Program Mission Statement reflects the interconnected nature of Florida's roadways, resources and communities.

The Florida Scenic Highways Program will preserve, maintain, protect and enhance the intrinsic resources of scenic corridors through a sustainable balance of conservation and land use. Through community-based consensus and partnerships, the program will promote economic prosperity and broaden the traveler's overall recreational and educational experience.

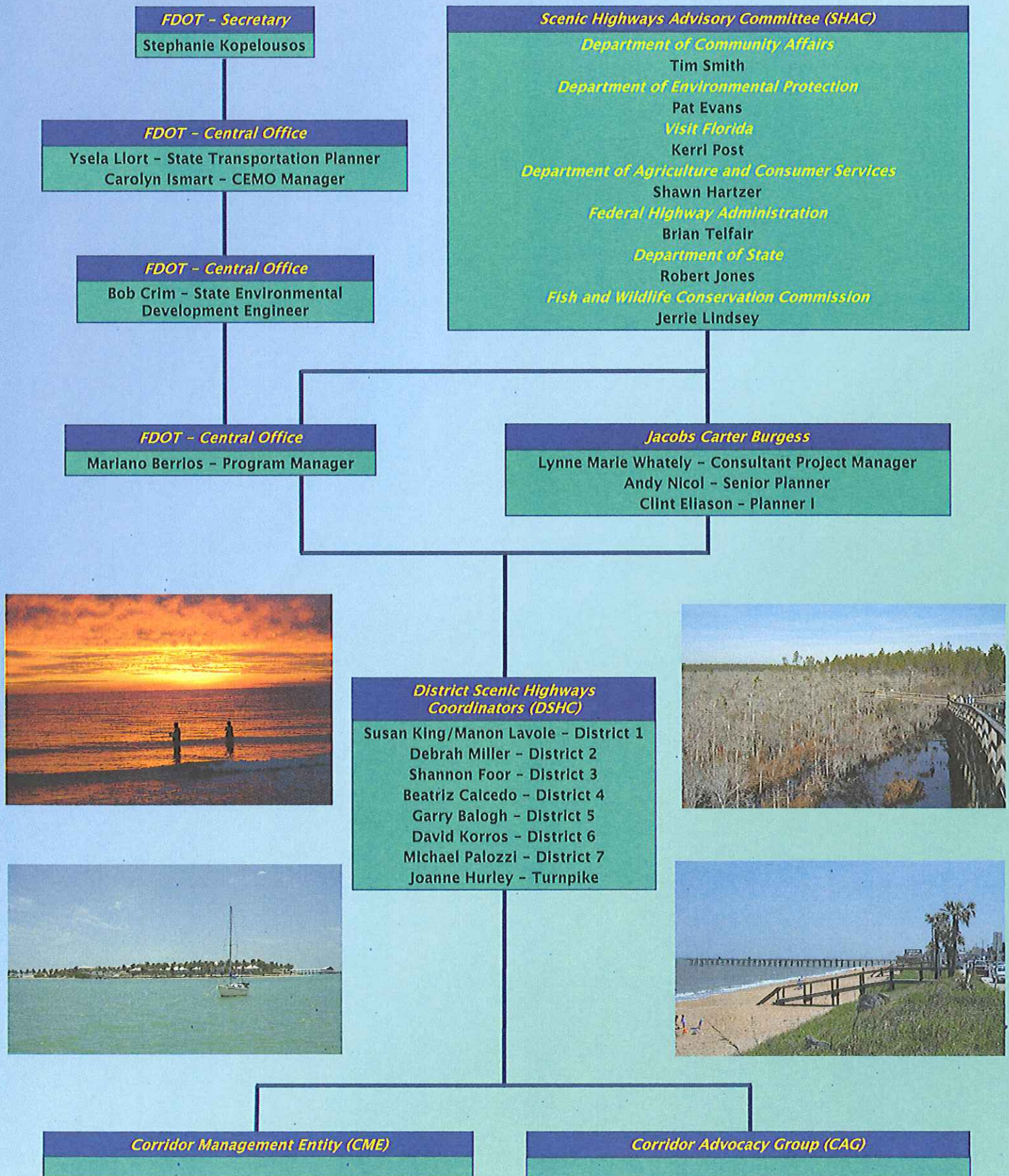


The Florida Scenic Highways Program focuses on community-based support and resource protection while seeking to promote regional economic benefits that may result from designation. These highways strive to educate travelers by "telling a story" that is representative of Florida lifestyles of the past and present. The ultimate goal of the Florida Scenic Highways Program, however, is to preserve, maintain, protect and enhance Florida's unique intrinsic resources.

The Florida Scenic Highways Program process is divided into three phases: 1) *Eligibility*, 2) *Designation* and 3) *Implementation*. An applicant begins the *Eligibility Phase* by forming a Corridor Advocacy Group (CAG) to develop an Eligibility Application. Information contained in this package will be used by the Department of Transportation to determine whether it is probable that the corridor will meet the criteria and requirements for designation. Following eligibility, the CAG begins the *Designation Phase* by developing a Corridor Management Plan (CMP), which will specify the operational procedures, protection techniques and standards/regulations by which the corridor will be managed and enhanced. If it is determined that the CMP satisfies all Program process requirements in this manual, designation will be granted. This designation initiates the *Implementation Phase*, in which the actions, techniques and procedures specified in the CMP are carried out, including corridor monitoring, annual reports and CMP updates.



Florida Scenic Highways Organizational Chart



Benefits of Designation

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Designation as a Florida Scenic Highway can benefit a community in several ways. Among these are through resource protection, community recognition, economic development and tourism, community visioning, partnerships and through an increased priority for funding corridor amenities.

In general, designated Florida Scenic Highways benefit from:

- The creation of a **Corridor Management Plan**. Designation and a corridor management plan provide the opportunity to preserve, maintain, protect and enhance the intrinsic resources identified as significant, exceptional and distinctive to a particular region.
- Recognition of the significance of a corridor's resources.
- An established **corridor advocacy group** or corridor management entity whose responsibility is to manage and monitor all corridor activities and ensure that the corridor resources are preserved, maintained and protected.
- **Strong grassroots support** and locally driven.
- **Community consensus** for the corridor's designation.
- Increased **community pride** and promoting designated corridors as community "show places."
- **State and national recognition** of corridor on state maps, brochures and through the Florida Scenic Highways Program and National Scenic Byways Program Web Sites.
- A **collaborative Marketing Program** for designated corridors that provides corridor brochures, maps, and promotion of corridors and their resources.
- **Partnering opportunities** with state, local and federal agencies for benefit of corridor.
- A defined **Community Vision, Goals and Objectives** for the designated corridor.
- **Enhanced tourism.**
- **Enhancement of local economy.**
- **Technical assistance** in identifying grants and funding opportunities that can fund implementation of corridor activities and action items.
- **Potential increase in "priority"** for receiving grant funding.
- **Educational opportunities** for visitors on corridor story and community history.

The benefits of a Florida Scenic Highway designation can also be increased if State designated roadways become National Scenic Byways or All-American Roads. These roadways will attract national and international travelers, bringing additional recognition and economic benefits to these regions.

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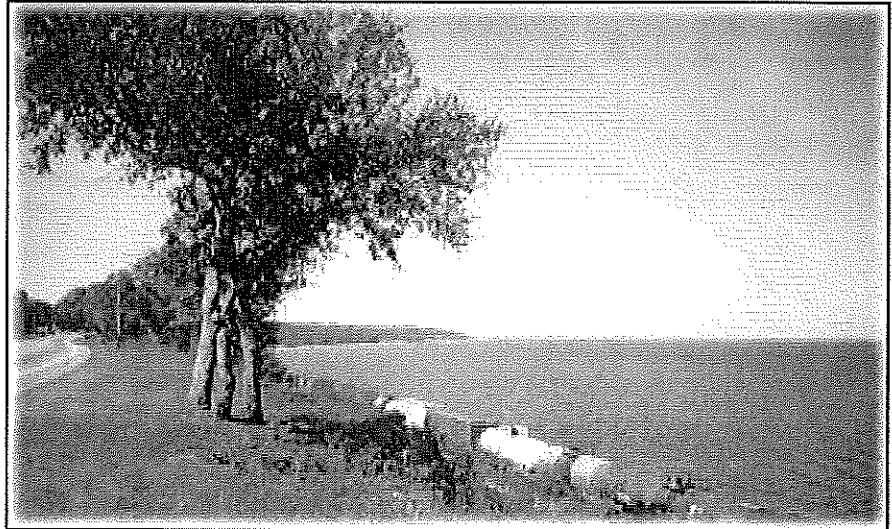
Intrinsic Resources

The intrinsic resources identified in the Florida Scenic Highways Program represent Florida's cultural, historical, archeological, recreational, natural and scenic features that are deserving of recognition. The six intrinsic resources considered in this Program include both man-made and natural features from the past and present.

Cultural Resources include portions of the human environment that express aesthetics, traditions, values and customs. Traditions are usually associated with distinct groups of people and passed on from one generation to the next. Cultural resources may include arts, rituals, tribal customs, festivals, languages, museums, foods, vernacular architecture, physical or recognized legacies, and customs practiced by people in the past or present.



Cultural



Scenic

Historic Resources embody the distinctive physical elements in the landscape, either natural or manmade, that reflect the human actions in relation to past events, sites, or structures. These historic resources symbolize an important era in Florida history and serve to educate viewers while providing an appreciation of the past.

Archeological Resources embody the physical evidence or remains of known historic or prehistoric human life, activity or culture in Florida. For example, significant ruins, artifacts, inscriptions, structural or human remains may all be considered archeological resources. These resources differ from historical resources in that they may have existed before written records were kept in an area.

Recreational Resources provide either active or passive outdoor recreational activities directly depen-

dent upon the natural or cultural elements of the landscape. These activities may include boating, fishing, hiking, canoeing, camping, biking, beach activities, wildlife viewing, horseback riding, driving, hunting and picnicking.

Natural Resources show minimal evidence of exotic vegetation and human disruption, occurring naturally in the environment. Examples include wetlands, marshes, geological features, forests, as well as water bodies and vegetation that are indigenous and characteristic of Florida and its differing regions.

Scenic Resources include a combination of natural and man-made features that give remarkable character to the visual landscape. These resources are striking in appearance, and provide a pleasing and memorable experience for viewers.



FSHP DESIGNATED AND ELIGIBLE SCENIC HIGHWAY INFORMATION

Number	Corridor Name	District	Length (Miles)	Date of LOI	Date of Eligibility	Date of FSH Designation	Date of NSB Designation	Date of 5-Year CMP Update	Names of Grants and Project Type	Date Applied	Amount of Grant	Total
DESIGNATED HIGHWAYS												
1	A1A Ocean Shore Scenic Highway *Part of the A1A Scenic & Historic Coastal Byway - National Scenic Byway	5	7	08/22/97	09/07/00	06/06/01	06/13/02*	7/10/06	FDOT grant to develop the CMP	2000	\$25,000	\$398,000
									National Scenic Byways Discretionary Grant: Implementing a Gateway System to Enhance Public Accessibility to Intrinsic Resource	2002	\$78,000	
									City of Flagler Beach: Matching Grant for Gateway System	2002	\$75,000	
									National Scenic Byways Discretionary Grant: Phase II funding to construct gateway facilities.	2003	\$220,000	
2	A1A River & Sea Trail Scenic Highway* *Part of the A1A Scenic & Historic Coastal Byway - National Scenic Byway	5	12	06/10/98	04/03/00	06/07/01	06/13/02*	7/22/06	FDOT grant to develop the CMP	2000	\$25,000	\$1,275,000
									National Scenic Byways Discretionary Grant: Implementing a Multimodal Greenway System	2002	\$330,000	
									Flagler County: Matching Grant for Multimodal Greenway System	2002	\$250,000	
									National Scenic Byway Discretionary Grant: Phase II funding to construct a multi-modal greenway system.	2003	\$670,000	
3	A1A Scenic & Historic Coastal Byway* *National Scenic Byway made up of three individual Florida Scenic Highways	2, 5	71				06/13/02*		National Scenic Byways Discretionary Grant: Website Development	2003	\$40,000	\$1,380,242
									Florida Department of Transportation District 2: Website Development	2003	\$5,000	
									Florida Department of Transportation District 5: Website Development	2003	\$5,000	
									FDOT Grant: Consultant services to prepare 3 NSB grant applications.	2003	\$24,926	
									FDOT Grant: Provide facilitation services to National Scenic Byway CME	2003-2004	\$34,355	
									FDOT Grant: Provide NEPA documentation to FHWA prior to the construction of gateway facilities and multi-modal greenway system.	2004	\$22,191	
									FDOT Grant: Provide matching funds for 2004 NSB Seed Grant for Financial Development Plan.	2004	\$6,250	
									National Scenic Byway Seed Grant- CMP Implementation	2005	\$25,000	
									National Scenic Byway Seed Grant- CMP Implementation	2006	\$25,000	
									National Scenic Byways Grant: Visitors Welcome Interpretative/ Information Center	2007	\$200,000	
									National Scenic Byways Grant: Northern Gateway Kiosk	2007	\$72,000	
									National Scenic Byways Grant: Corridor Management Plan Implementation- Year 3	2007	\$25,000	
									National Scenic Byways Grant: Scenic Overlook	2007	\$120,000	
									National Scenic Byways Grant: Flagler County Facilities Improvements	2007	\$152,000	
									National Scenic Byways Grant: Cell Phone Tour	2008	\$50,000	
									National Scenic Byways Grant: Corridor Management Plan Implementation for Organizational Sustainability	2008	\$80,000	
									National Scenic Byways Grant: Flagler Beach Gateway Promenade Improvements	2008	\$373,520	
									National Scenic Byways Grant: Wayfinding/Wayshowing Signage System Plan	2008	\$120,000	



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4	Big Bend Scenic Byway	3	220	02/29/00	10/28/05	10/12/06, 02/13/07 Leon County Portion Added	10/16/09		National Scenic Byway Grant: Corridor Management Plan- Year 1	2007	\$25,000	\$149,332
									National Scenic Byway Grant: Blueprint for Roadside Interpretation and Wayfinding	2007	\$81,332	
									National Scenic Byway Grant: CMP Implementation & Funding Strategy - Year 2	2008	\$43,000	
5	Bradenton Beach Scenic Highway	1	2.6	02/09/00	09/08/00	04/17/01			Transportation Enhancement Funds - Bike path	2003	\$300,000	\$663,360
									Transportation Enhancement Funds-Sidewalks, Landscaping	2005	\$300,000	
									Anna Maria Island Chamber of Commerce - Welcome Sign	2005	\$2,200	
									FDOT Grant: Landscaping	2004	\$20,000	
									FDOT Grant: Gateway Sign	2003	\$10,000	
									National Scenic Byways Grant: Corridor Management Plan Update	2007	\$31,160	
6	Broward County A1A Scenic Highway	4	32	09/15/00	01/01/06	07/20/09						
7	Courtney Campbell Scenic Highway	7	9.5	04/02/01	04/23/03	05/23/05			FDOT Central Office	2006	\$400,000	\$400,000
8	Florida Black Bear Scenic Byway	5	116.2	12/17/04	07/24/06	02/20/08	10/16/09		FDOT Planning Grant- Eligibility Application	2005	\$50,000	\$110,000
									FDOT Planning Grant- Corridor Management Plan	2006	\$60,000	
9	Florida Keys Scenic Highway	6	106	04/30/97	12/12/00	06/22/01	10/16/09 All- American Des.		Private Donation	2001	\$110,000	\$1,710,000
									National Scenic Byways Discretionary Grant: Interpretive/Master Plan	2003	\$120,000	
									Monroe County: Interpretive/Master Plan	2003	\$40,000	
									Florida Department of Transportation: Interpretive/Master Plan	2003	\$40,000	
									National Scenic Byways Grant: Key Deer Habitat Preservation	2008	\$1,400,000	
10	Green Mountain Scenic Byway	5	13.25	04/02/01	07/05/02	7/19/2004 10/31/05 Extension Awarded			Transportation Enhancement Funds - Corridor Management Plan	2001	\$25,000	\$7,859,868
									Fl. Dept. of Environmental Protection, Office of Greenway and Trails: Dedicated Bicycle/Pedestrian Facility	2002	\$75,832	
									Town of Montverde: Dedicated Bicycle/Pedestrian Facility	2002	\$18,958	
									Florida Communities Trust: Purchase land on Lake Apopka	2004	\$3,500,000	
									FDOT Grant: Provide FSHP documentation to extend existing corridor through the Town of Oakland and into Winter Garden	2004	\$15,000	
									Florida Communities Trust, Lake County and St. Johns River Water Management District; Land Purchase for Ferndale Preserve on Lake Apopka	2004	\$4,025,000	
									Castle and Cooke, Inc.; Application for Additional Corridor	2005	\$7,500	
									Orange County BOCC; Application for Additional Corridor	2005	\$3,750	
									City of Winter Garden; Application for Additional Corridor	2005	\$3,750	
									National Scenic Byway Seed Grant- CMP Implementation	2006	\$25,000	
									Transportation Enhancement Grant- Master plan	2006	\$100,000	
									National Scenic Byways Grant: Corridor Management Plan Implementation- Year 2	2007	\$25,000	
									National Scenic Byways Grant: CMP Implementation Project - Year 3	2008	\$35,078	



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11	Heritage Crossroads: Miles of History Scenic Highway	5	125	05/05/05	07/06/07	11/19/08			FDOT Planning Grant- Eligibility Application	2005	\$25,000	\$25,000
									FDOT Planning Grant- Corridor Management Plan	2006	0	
12	Indian River Lagoon National Scenic Byway	5	195	05/14/99	04/03/00	6/13/2000, Fellsmere Ext. on 07/20/09, Pineapple Ave. Ext. on 07/20/09	6/13/02	2/27/06	FDOT grant to develop the CMP	2000	\$25,000	\$2,906,792
									National Scenic Byways Discretionary Grant: Lagoon House	2001	\$800,000	
									Fl. Dept. of Transportation: Matching NSB Grant for Lagoon House	2001	\$100,000	
									Fl. Inland Navigation District: Matching NSB Grant for Lagoon House	2001	\$100,000	
									Scenic Highway Beautification Grant	2001	\$147,780	
									Private Donation: Furnishings for Lagoon House	2001	\$97,000	
									National Scenic Byways Discretionary Grant: Re-construction of Melbourne Beach Historic Pier	2002	\$145,346	
									Town of Melbourne Beach: Matching Grant for Melbourne Beach Historic Pier	2002	\$54,605	
									FEMA/DCA: Matching Grant for Melbourne Beach Historic Pier	2002	\$73,063	
									Fl. Dept. of Transportation: Invasive Plant Species Management Plan	2003	\$81,500	
									FDOT Grant: Integrated transportation facility study with water taxi feasibility.	2004	\$52,500	
									National Scenic Byway Grant: Implementation of Corridor Management Plan (Seed Grant)	2004	\$25,000	
									FDOT grant for shoreline rehabilitation	2005	\$24,998	
									National Scenic Byway Seed Grant- CMP Implementation	2005	\$25,000	
									FDOT Planning Grant- Corridor Extension	2006	\$15,000	
									National Scenic Byway Seed Grant- CMP Implementation	2006	\$25,000	
									National Scenic Byways Grant: Corridor Management Plan Implementation- Year 1	2007	\$25,000	
									National Scenic Byways Grant: Pedestrian Pedway	2007	\$500,000	
									National Scenic Byways Grant: Waterfront Acquisition	2007	\$540,000	
									National Scenic Byways Grant: Seed Grant 2008	2008	\$50,000	
13	Indian River Lagoon Treasure Coast Scenic Highway	4	42.13	08/07/02	12/19/03	01/01/06			National Scenic Byways Grant: Inlet Access Improvements	2008	\$1,600,000	\$1,600,000
14	J.C. Penney Memorial Scenic Highway	2	4.33	05/24/06	02/20/08	04/30/10						
15	Lemon Bay/Myakka Trail Scenic Highway (SR 776)	1	47.9	06/06/06	02/13/07	02/20/08			FDOT Planning Grant- Eligibility and Designation Applications	2007	\$146,763	\$146,763
16	Old Florida Heritage Highway	2	48	12/14/99	04/03/00	06/07/01			National Scenic Byways Grant: Master Plan	2006	\$105,440	\$270,440
									VISIT FLORIDA Marketing Grant 2006	2006	\$5,000	
									National Scenic Byways Grant: Paynes Prairie Preserve Visitor Center	2007	\$160,000	
17	Ormond Scenic Loop & Trail (Composed of Historic Ormond-by-the-Sea Trail and the Ormond Beach Scenic Loop)	5	33.98	04/04/03 and 05/05/05	10/22/04 and 07/24/06	07/06/07	10/16/09		FDOT Planning Grant- Eligibility Application and CMP	2005- 2006	\$85,000	\$127,000
									FDOT Grants for CMP development	2005- 2006	\$42,000	



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18	Palma Sola Scenic Highway	1	4	05/02/02	08/27/03	05/28/04			Inland Navigational District: Boat ramps	2004	\$25,000	\$499,512
									Division of Forestry: 75 trees planted	2004	\$10,000	
									FDOT Highway System Landscaping Funds: Highway Landscaping	2003	\$250,000	
									FDOT Transportation Enhancement Funds: Restrooms	2004	\$200,000	
									Grant match from Bongo's, Burdette & Associates, Centex Rooney Construction Co., City of Bradenton, Environmental Affairs Consultants, and Keep Manatee Beautiful: Planting trees	2004	\$14,512	
19	Pensacola Scenic Bluffs	3	11	05/21/96	05/01/97	04/24/98			National Scenic Byways Discretionary Grant: Interpretive Plan	1999	\$43,070	\$1,421,527
									National Scenic Byways Discretionary Grant: Master Plan	2000	\$120,000	
									Preservation 2000 Funds and the City of Pensacola: Land Purchase	2000	\$1,200,000	
									National Scenic Byways Grant: Corridor Management Plan Implementation- Year 1	2007	\$29,227	
									National Scenic Byways Grant: Volunteer Coordinator	2008	\$29,230	
20	The Ridge Scenic Highway	1	38.7	05/28/03	04/30/04	02/16/05						\$0
21	River of Lakes Heritage Corridor	5	103	03/01/06	10/18/07	03/12/09			FDOT Planning Grant- Eligibility Application	2006	\$35,251	\$35,251
22	Scenic Highway 30A	3	28	01/21/04	02/13/07	02/20/08						
23	Scenic & Historic A1A *Part of the A1A Scenic & Historic Coastal Byway - National Scenic Byway	2	52	04/16/98	06/14/00	1/17/2002	06/13/02*		National Scenic Byways Discretionary Grant: Master Plan	2003	\$400,008	\$500,010
									St. Johns County: Master Plan	2003	\$100,002	
24	Suncoast Scenic Parkway	Turnpike	42	03/21/03	05/23/05	07/24/06						\$0
25	Tamiami Trail Scenic Highway (De- Designated)	1	50	08/06/96	12/02/97	12/09/98	6/15/00		National Scenic Byways Discretionary Grant: Interpretive Plan	1999	\$36,930	\$8,641,930
									Public Lands Discretionary Grant: Visitor Center-Big Cypress Preserve	1999	\$2,100,000	
									Department of Interior, Visitor and Safety Amenities (for the Big Cypress National Preserve on Tamiami Trail): Welcome Center	1999	\$5,000,000	
									National Scenic Byways Discretionary Grant: Master Plan	2000	\$240,000	
									National Park Service-FDOT Statewide Enhancement Funds: Historic Preservation Project at Monroe Station (Collier County)	2004	\$785,000	
									US Fish and Wildlife Service-FDOT Statewide Transportation Enhancement Funds: Ten Thousand National Wildlife Refuge Trail and Scenic Overlook (Collier County)	2004	\$480,000	
26	Tamiami Trail Scenic Highway Windows to the Gulf Coast Waters	1	70	03/12/02	04/28/03	12/19/03			FDOT Statewide Enhancement Funds: Pedestrian Improvements (Sarasota, Manatee Counties)	2004	\$300,000	\$300,000
27	William Bartram Scenic & Historic Highway	2	17	04/14/98	06/28/02	10/31/05						\$0
DESIGNATED CORRIDOR TOTAL												\$30,420,027
CANDIDATE HIGHWAYS												
1	Martin Grade Scenic Highway	4	12	05/08/08								
CANDIDATE CORRIDOR TOTAL												\$0
PROGRAM TOTAL												\$30,420,027

Length of Designated Corridors	1501.8
Length of Candidate Corridors	12
Total Length of Corridors	1513.8